

Gentlemen:

I have called this extraordinary meeting of the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee to acquire a fuller background of information relative to the reasons why my predecessors have placed security classifications on the several groups of information which comprise the National Stock Pile program.

My review of the program indicates that in accordance with the criteria spelled out in Executive Order 10501, and with your responsibilities under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act, you have made recommendations in this area which have been of assistance in the determining of security classification.

As you no doubt are aware, there have been suggestions on the part of different groups, both in the Congress and in industry, that some or all of the information relative to the National Stock Pile be declassified and made public. The following categories of stockpile information have already been declassified: (1) inventories of non-specification grade materials, and (2) inventories with no current or probable stockpile objectives.

It is my understanding that at present the following categories of stockpile information have security classifications:

- (1) The stockpile objectives and sub-objectives for upgraded forms for each material in the strategic stockpile. This information is presently classified as SECRET.
- (2) The actual amounts of specification grade materials in the stockpile for which there are objectives. This information is presently classified as SECRET.
- (3) The information contained in stockpile procurement directives, i. e., the amounts which we direct General Services Administration to purchase from time to time to meet stockpile deficits. This information is presently classified as CONFIDENTIAL.
- (4) Information as to the locations and amounts of various stockpile materials at each location. This information is presently classified as CONFIDENTIAL.
- (5) Information contained on basic data sheets. This is classified as CONFIDENTIAL or SECRET, depending on the source of mobilization requirements included therein. As you know these basic data sheets provide the information on which stockpile objectives are computed.

(6) Information relative to our systems for factoring supply of and requirements for strategic materials. This information is now classified as SECRET.

You gentlemen are fully conversant with each of the foregoing categories of information. I would like therefore at this time, to proceed with a discussion of the present security classification of each of the categories listed above.